

The Oasis

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THE OX TEAM.

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I sit upon my ox team, calm,
Beneath the lazy sky,
And crawl contented through the land,
And let the world go by.
The thoughtful ox has learned to wait
And nervous impulse smother,
And ponder long before he puts
One foot before the other!

And men with spanking teams pass by
And dash upon their way,
As if it were their hope to find
The world's end in a day;
And men dash by in palace cars,
On me dark frowns they cast,
As the lightning driven Present frowns
Upon the slow old Past.

What do they chase, these men of steam,
Their smoke-flags wide unfurled,
Pulled by the roaring fire-beast
That shakes the reeling world?
What do ye seek ye men of steam,
So wild and mad ye press?
Is this, is this the railroad line
That leads to happiness?

And when you've swept across the day
And dashed across the night,
Is there some station through the hill
Where men can find delight?
Ah! Toward the depot of content
Where no red signals stream,
I go by ox team just as quick
As you can go by steam.

—[In Yankee Blade.]

ARIZOLA.

THE OASIS frequently receives letters of inquiry about Arizola, and as a general answer in reply to such inquiries, will say that Arizola is a town on the Southern Pacific Railway where the Florence Irrigating Canal crosses the track. Three years ago it was a desert; today there is a railway station at which all passenger trains of the Southern Pacific stop regularly, a telegraph office, a post office, an express office, a hotel, a store, a school-house, a printing office, a stock yard and chute for shipping cattle, and a thrifty and enterprising community, with a newspaper, THE OASIS, to speak for them. Three years ago the spot on which Arizola stands was taken up as desert land, for which the government was paid one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. Today town lots are selling rapidly from one hundred dollars up, and cultivated land surrounding the town is worth from forty to sixty dollars an acre and upward. That is what has been done at Arizola in three years. Come and join in the grand work of making Arizola a prosperous city. We have the most fertile farming land in the United States, and a health giving climate not surpassed in the world.

For some time past articles have been stolen at intervals from the officer's club room at Whipple, and on Tuesday last some stolen bottles of beer were found where they had been cached by the thief. A guard was stationed to watch the place and ascertain who came for the beer, which resulted in the arrest of an old discharged soldier named Connelly, who was placed in the guard house. When the guard opened the guard house Thursday he found that the prisoner had cut his throat and severed the arteries in each wrist and was almost dead. Medical assistance was promptly called in. He may recover.

For several weeks past, a commercial agent of the Southern Pacific has been investigating the probable extent of the traffic of a road between

Phoenix and Prescott, and has just prepared a report which will shortly be submitted. The report will show that the local traffic alone of such a road will pay from the beginning. This is the only point on which the Southern Pacific desired information, previous to beginning active work. The Black Canyon route was originally surveyed nearly two years ago, and since then agents of the road have collected additional data concerning the enterprise, so that now nothing remains to be done but build the road, and it has been given out by those on the inside that within two months the work will be begun.

The towns of Bisbee and Fairbank both suffered from the rains Saturday. Bisbee narrowly escaped a flood similar to that of three years ago, while Fairbank suffered as seriously if not more so than at that time. Nearly every building in town was flooded with water and the bottom land on all sides was a raging river. The railroad track is covered with debris and sand. The stage was obliged to connect with the train at the Grand Central spur, two miles from town. At Bisbee the bridges were washed away, although no damage was done to speak of outside of this.

Preparations are being completed by Doctor C. L. Gregory of Yuma for the building of a sanitarium in that town at a cost of \$60,000. The institution will be erected on a ten-acre tract which has been secured for the purpose. Twenty cottages will also be put up on the border of the tract for the use of those who prefer them to the main building.

There are said to be three hundred of the most beautiful horses in the world in the stable of the Czar of Russia, many of them being pure Tartar-bred. They are luxuriously cared for, and stand with straw to their knees. Their magnificent tails and manes are never cut and reach to their feet, and the long, silky hair of their bodies is never clipped.

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A Pima county man who raises cattle and sells the beef dressed to butchers was before the board of equalization, Tuesday, for a reduction on 100 head he claimed to have sold. He was referred to his butcher records filed with the recorder, which returned but nine head killed, and the board reduced him nine head.

At Tucson Monday evening Constable Zimmerman stabbed Mike Sullivan on account of a difficulty growing out of an attachment levied on the S. P. saloon. The cut is a wicked gash in the neck several inches long, severing the lobe of the right ear, and although very painful is not considered really dangerous.

Near Tucson Mr. Hart is planting beans as fast as the weather and obtainable teams will permit. He has about a score of teams plowing and hopes to get in 200 to 300 acres very shortly. The pink Mexican bean is planted, being more prolific and having the best sale.

Wednesday of last week thirteen Chinamen were arrested at Williams on a charge of selling opium. Twelve were dismissed on account of insufficient evidence. The thirteenth was convicted by a jury and sentenced to pay a fine of \$150. He will appeal to the district court.

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